

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0014]:

One aspect of the invention provides a massaging microjet assembly in combination with a whirlpool bath having a shell with an inner surface and an opening therein defined in a slanted wall portion of the shell. The massaging microjet assembly comprises: a holding cup having a free end, a first portion and a second portion in fluid communication with the first portion, and a bottom partition recessed from the free end; and a microjet mounted to the bottom partition. The second portion of the holding cup is angularly disposed relatively to the first portion. The holding cup is insertable into the opening in the shell, the holding cup protruding outwardly from the opening when inserted therein and the free end being fixable to the shell. The microjet is connectable to a pressurized fluid supply and has an outlet aperture therein allowing the pressurized fluid to exit therethrough. The outlet aperture is in a substantially horizontal orientation when the holding cup and the microjet are mounted to the shell.

Another aspect of the invention provides a massaging microjet assembly in combination with a whirlpool bath having a shell with an inner surface and an opening defined in a slanted wall portion of the shell. The massaging microjet assembly comprises: a holding cup having a free end and a bottom partition recessed from the free end, and a microjet mounted to the bottom partition. The holding cup is insertable into the opening in the shell and protrudes outwardly from the opening when inserted therein. The free end is securable to the shell. The holding cup has a first portion and a second portion in fluid communication with the first portion and is angularly disposed relatively to the first portion, the angle between the first portion and the second portion is substantially equal to the angle of the slanted wall portion with a horizontal orientation. The microjet has an outlet aperture therein and a connection member protruding outwardly from the bottom partition of the holding cup. The connection member has a port therethrough in fluid communication with the outlet aperture and is connectable to a pressurized fluid supply allowing the pressurized fluid to exit through the outlet aperture of the microjet. The outlet aperture is in a substantially horizontal orientation when the holding cup and the microjet are mounted to the shell.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] FIG. 2 represents a perspective view of the circular port and polygonal grip of the micro jet and the central aperture of the holding cup; and

Please delete the following paragraph after paragraph [0016]:

~~FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of a recessed massaging micro jet in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention; and~~

Please replace the following paragraph after paragraph [0016]:

FIG. 43 is a cross-sectional view of a whirlpool bath having the kit including the micro jet and the holding cup shown in FIG. 1 mounted thereto.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The kit is particularly illustrated in FIG. 1 and will now be described in detail. Kit 1 essentially comprises a massaging micro jet 3 of standard construction. As shown, micro jet 3 consists of a cylindrical member 5 having a circular port 7 extending throughout its length with apertures 8 at opposed ends of the micro jet 3. Cylindrical member 5 is provided at one free end with a fixing flange 9, the purpose of which will be discussed more in detail when describing the method of mounting micro jet 3 in the slanted wall 11 of a whirlpool bath 12 (FIG. 43), which -is a section of a bath shell 59. It will also be noted that cylindrical member 5 has a thread 13 (referred to in the claims as the first thread) of standard design that is used for connecting the micro jet to a pressurized fluid supply 80 (FIG. 3 - here water) by means of a connector 15 having a port 16 therein with apertures 18 at opposed ends of the connector 15, which is ideally a jet body. Therefore, in FIG. 1, the micro jet 3 is connectable to the pressurized fluid supply 80, through the connector 15 and, in FIG. 3, the micro jet 3 is connected to the pressurized fluid supply 80. Finally, it will be noted that at the end of port 7 opposite fixing flange 9, there is a polygonal (here hexagonal) grip 17 which enables to prevent micro jet 3 from rotating by inserting a holding tool well known to those skilled in the art, into hexagonal grip 17, when assembling micro jet 7 with connector 15. When

assembled, the port 7 of the micro jet 3 and the port 16 of the connector 15 defines a continuous port for fluid circulation.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

To mount micro jet 3 in slanted wall 11 of the whirlpool bath, there is provided a massaging micro jet holding cup 19 that will new be described in detail. Holding cup 19 has a peripheral wall 20 which defines a cavity 22. The peripheral wall 20 is a specially designed device that consists of a first cylindrical portion 21 and a second cylindrical portion 23. In the illustrated embodiment, it will be noted that second cylindrical portion 23 has a shorter diameter than first cylindrical portion 21. This may of course vary substantially depending on the preference of the designer. It will also be noted that first cylindrical portion 21 and second cylindrical portion 23 are connected in the continuation of one another and in such a manner that their respective axes 25 and 27 meet at an angle, here approximately $90-\theta$ degrees, wherein θ is the slope of slanted wall 11, the reason being that holding cup 19 is mounted on slanted wall 11 and that second cylindrical portion 23 is used for mounting micro jet 3 and directing its flow of fluid (here water) horizontally as will be described later. Therefore, the holding cup 19, as shown in FIG. 2, is securable or fixable to the shell 59. In the embodiment shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, a free end of the holding cup 19, defined by a mounting flange 29, is secured or fixed to the slanted wall 11 of the bath 12.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] To mount massaging micro jet 3 after opening 49 has been formed, holding cup 19 is pushed through opening 49 until mounting flange 29 rests against the inner surface of slanted wall 11 all around opening 4149. Then, seal ring 37 is placed over thread 31 until it rests against the outer surface 39 of slanted wall 11. Flange nut 41 is then screwed over thread 31 until flange 43 is tight against inner surface of slanted wall 11 and the latter is in fluid proof firm contact with the inner surface of slanted wall 11. Once this is completed, micro jet 3 is fixed into holding cup 3 by inserting cylindrical member 5 thereof through central aperture 35 until fixing flange 9 rests against the inner surface of bottom partition 33. Seal ring 45 is disposed around thread 13 of cylindrical member 5 until it rests against the outer surface of bottom partition 33.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Micro jet 3 and holding cup 19 can be molded together, in one piece, (referred to in the claims as recessed micro jet) thus eliminating the need to fix and seal micro jet 3 with cup 19.

Please replace the paragraph following paragraph [0026]:

Referring to FIG. 43, it will be seen that the kit 1,~~40~~ is mounted to the whirlpool bath 12 by providing the opening 49 in the slanted wall 11 of the whirlpool bath shell 59. The connector 15 is connected to the pressurized fluid supply 80.